



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHIPPER JONES DAY

- WHEREAS: Mr. Larry Wayne "Chipper" Jones, Jr. is an exceptional Georgia citizen whose historic career as a switch-hitter and third baseman for the Atlanta Braves forever endeared him to baseball fans across our state and throughout Braves Country; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Jones was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1990 MLB draft and spent his entire career with the Atlanta Braves; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Jones was a member of the Atlanta Braves' 1995 World Series championship team and helped the club win 11 consecutive National League East Division titles; and
- WHEREAS: With 468 home runs, Mr. Jones ranks third among switch-hitters and third all-time among players who primarily played third base; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Jones is the all-time RBI leader among third basemen and hit the most home runs in franchise history since the team moved to Atlanta in 1966. He is the only switch-hitter in MLB history with a career batting average of at least .300 and 400 or more home runs; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Jones has earned numerous awards in recognition of his performance, including the 1999 National League MVP Award and the 2008 National League Batting Title. He is a two-time Silver Slugger Award winner and an eight-time All-Star; and
- WHEREAS: In 2015, Mr. Jones served as special assistant to baseball operations for the Atlanta Braves. In 2018, he transitioned to a roving minor league instructor; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Jones was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2018, his first year of eligibility, and was inducted into the Braves Hall of Fame in 2013; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Jones' hard work and passion for baseball have inspired young players across our state and nation to pursue their dreams. His strong work ethic has earned him the respect and admiration of his friends, family, former teammates, and fellow citizens; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2018, as CHIPPER JONES DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley
CHIEF OF STAFF